Between 1946 – 1961 the Bureau Of Indian Affairs (BIA) stepped in and implemented a leasing program for Ak-Chin, leasing farm land to non-Indians.

By 1956, Ak-Chin leased 12,397 acres.

Ground water table level went from 40 feet below the surface to 400 below the surface.
Ak-Chin Farm Enterprise

- In 1961, the Ak-Chin Farm Enterprise was formed and did not renew BIA non-Indian Leases and began to farm on their own.

- The enterprise was successful and the Community had achieved near self-sufficiency.
Ak-Chin Water Rights

- By 1977, the success of the Ak-Chin Farm Enterprise was decreasing along with the declining water supply for farming. Farm fields reduced down to 5,000 acres.

In 1978, Ak-Chin filed suit against the United States to deliver the promised allocated water when the Reservation was formed in 1912.
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Current Tribal Council:
What can you do to help:
- Encourage the Federal government to fulfill their Trust responsibilities.
- Call Congressmen and seek their support.
- Serve on local, state, or federal boards and committees that deal with water & water issues (i.e. flood & irrigation districts).
- Vote (i.e. tribal, local, state);
Questions?
THANK YOU and Ske:k Tas (Good Day).